

May 27, 1946

Miss Lillian Gowdy,
Fitel Hospital,
Room 106,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Lillian:

Upon receiving the letter from Grace regarding the indebtedness of the Nortz Lumber Company, I wrote them a kindly letter, as I think I have already advised you, and sent it to them under registered mail with receipt required. The receipt has not yet been received by us and the delay may be due to the railway strike. At the same time, I wrote to Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., asking about the credit of this company. I understand that it is in fine shape, having a fine surplus and a net income for 1945 of over \$19,000. Its net sales for last year were slightly over \$550,000. The company is in a position where it could pay you in full, without any discomfort, and if they are honest men, they will certainly let you hear from them promptly. If they are dishonest, the debt may be outlawed, but I doubt if they would wish to have their credit impaired by claiming the benefit of an account being outlawed where the claim was undoubtedly just.

Please let me know, and if you wish, you could place the account in the hands of your own attorney, or, if you wish me to do it, I will place it in the hands of my son-in-law, L. A. McNealley, who is a most capable and successful lawyer.

If the company was poor and hard-up, there could be a little justification for your consideration of forgiving the debt, but where the company is prosperous as it is, and you are old and need the money, there is no reason why they should not pay willingly and if not willingly, why they should not be forced to repay your note with interest.

We love you. Everyone who speaks of you speaks with love and kindness and we want you to get well. If there is anything that we can do, we shall be very happy to have you let us know. We are planning on going to Minneapolis as soon as possible, but will probably wait until after the graduation of our granddaughter, Marilyn Maloney, from the University.

Lovingly,

Your brother cousin

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